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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**



Sir:

This is a request for filing a *continuation* application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior international application number PCT/EP01/14424 filed on December 7, 2001 which designated the United States.

Inventor(s):

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Title: **DRILLING TOOL FOR A SURGICAL DRILL**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) ☒ Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - **19** pages
- (2) ☒ **One (1)** sheet(s) of **formal drawings**, together with transmittal letter
- (3) ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the ☐ filing fee(\$.00)
and/or ☐ Assignment Recordal Fee (\$_____) is enclosed.
- ☐ Before calculating the fee, cancel claim(s)
- ☐ Before calculating the fee, see copy of Preliminary Amendment filed.

Basic Fee							\$	750.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (\$260.)								
Foreign Language Surcharge (\$130.)								
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EXTRA	Total Claims	19	20	0	x	\$18.	=	\$ 0.00
CLAIMS	Independent Claims	1	3	0	x	\$84.	=	\$ 0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE							=	\$.00

- (4) ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney form
 a. ☐ Newly executed
 b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
 c. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.
- (5) ☐ Small Entity Status

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (6) ☐ Assignment document
 a. ☐ Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
 b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
 c. ☒ Please include assignee information when this application is published
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- (7) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- (8) ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter
- (9) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, together with PTO Form 1449, copies of cited references and copy of International Search Report for PCT/EP01/14424
- (10) ☒ Return receipt postage prepaid postcard
- (11) ☒ Express Mail Certificate (Mailing Label No. **EV 132074869 US**)
- (12) ☒ Application Data Sheet

(13) ☐ Other:

(14) ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/EP01/14424 filed on December 7, 2001."

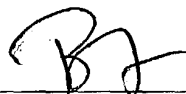
(15) ☒ This application claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 100 64 975.0 filed December 23, 2000.

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(17) ☒ Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of June 18, 2003, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail (No. EV 132074869 US).

Respectfully submitted,



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- ☒ Return receipt postage prepaid postcard;
- ☒ Transmittal Letter (Request for Filing a Continuation or Division of an International Application), with attachment - 3 pages total;
- ☒ Application Data Sheet;
- ☒ Patent Application Specification including Abstract and Claims (19 pages);
- ☒ One (1) sheet of formal drawings, together with transmittal letter;
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, together with Form PTO-1449, copies of cited documents and copy of International Search Report for PCT/EP01/14424.

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